

HOUSE  
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bill analysis

5/16/79

SB 389  
Traeger  
(Bock)  
(CSSB 389-Hendricks)

SUBJECT: Local option alcoholic beverage elections in multicounty cities

COMMITTEE: Liquor Regulation: committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 7 ayes--Smothers, Cofer, Delco, Hendricks, Lalor, Price, Salinas

4 nays--Coody, Tejeda, Reyes, J. Wilson

0 present, not voting

0 absent

SENATE VOTE: 30 ayes, 0 nays

WITNESSES: For--Fred Orr, City of Grand Prairie

Against--NONE

DIGEST: This bill allows cities lying in two or more counties to hold local option liquor elections. The city secretary and the governing body of the city are to perform the functions usually performed by the county clerk and commissioners court in these types of elections. The city has to pay the costs of the elections. The bill also validates local option elections in towns in two or more counties held before the effective date.

PRO: There is currently no provision in the Alcoholic Beverage Code for local options in cities which are in two or more counties. This bill covers those situations, providing the necessary details and authorization for a city to hold an election.

CON: No apparent opposition

COMMENTARY: The original bill applied to local option elections in cities that are in three or more counties and did not specify the types of issues for which the election could be held. The substitute allows these elections in cities in two or more counties and for any issues specified as options for elections held under the Alcoholic Beverage Code.